

Wisconsin/DOD Pollution Prevention Alliance
Meeting Minutes
Miller Compressing Company, Milwaukee, WI
23 March 2004

1. PLACE: The meeting was called to order at 1000 at Miller Compressing Company in WI. Tony Nesky served as Recorder.
2. INTRODUCTIONS: Participants went around the table and introduced themselves, as there were a number of representatives from Miller Compressing who had not been at the previous meeting.
3. AGENDA: See Attachment 1. The agenda for this meeting was abbreviated to allow for an extended tour of the Miller Compressing Facility. Many of the Agenda items were not addressed, as the discussion focused on recycling issues.
4. ATTENDEES: See Attachment 2.
5. REVIEW OF MINUTES: The minutes from the 10 December 2003 were not reviewed, and will be reviewed during the 11 May 2004 meeting.
6. PRESENTATION: Alliance members were led on a tour of the Miller Compressing Company in which the scrap was explained, with an emphasis on environmental controls. Stored scrap was either protected from exposure to rainwater by keeping the scrap inside a warehouse or under tarps. Scrap processing operations by necessity took place out of doors. In all cases, the scrap was stored above double-lined collection pads. Pads used to store gas tanks or oily scrap were equipped to recover the petroleum products. The wastewater from the pads was treated on-site.

Mercury switches are removed from the scrap. A comprehensive of prohibited items is posted at the scrap collection point, is published on the company website, and is made available in printed form. In addition, experienced workers are posted around the entire active scrap pile to check for materials that should not enter the shredder. The workers will stop the loading process as needed. All materials pass through a radiation detector before entering the facility.

Miller Compressing is sufficiently confident of its environmental controls to offer Superfund indemnification to its clients. (Clients could become Potentially Responsible Parties if the scrapyards were to become a Superfund site). To be eligible for indemnification, clients must supply Miller with a written document.

7. ACTION ITEM REVIEW:
 - a. Membership Issues: No membership issues were discussed.
 - b. Web Site Update: There were no updates to the website.

- c. Alliance Awards Update: Jerry Rodenburg of DNR presented Hugh McAlear with a Certificate of Achievement in appreciation of his years of service to the Alliance.
- d. Success Stories: No new success story write-ups submitted.
- e. Training Opportunities: No training opportunities were discussed.
- f. Opportunity Assessments: No training opportunities were discussed.
- g. Community Involvement Activities: Nothing to report.
- h. Historical File: Nothing to report.
- i. Miscellaneous Discussion:

After the tour, participants discussed the nature of their scrap recycling programs. DoD scrap from outside impact areas includes spent shells, tubes, and vehicle parts. Ft. McCoy already has experience recycling spent shells and other metals under a Qualified Recycling Program. Ft. McCoy's scrap from these sources adds up to 400 tons per year. In accordance with DoD policy, Ft. McCoy crushes its spent shells as a safety measure prior to submitting them for recycling.

DoD participants and Miller Compressing expressed interest in the recycling scrap from the cleanup of large ranges. Range experts at the Army Environmental Center informed Tony Nesky that any scrap from an impact area—even a shot-up target vehicle—is to be treated as potentially explosive, and is not approved for a typical Qualified Recycling Program. A “white paper” recommended that DoD issue centralized contracts through DRMO to bidders qualified to handle potentially hazardous range scrap. The status of these contracts is not known.

Representatives from Miller discussed what specifications determine the quality of scrap, and handed out copies of the *Scrap Specifications Circular 2003* published by the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.

- 8. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday 11 May at Ft. McCoy.

TASKINGS

- a. Update Contacts Listing and List Serve – Tony
- b. List reportable item for the CY 2003 Annual Achievement Report and bring to the next meeting- All
- c. Review the annual work workplan and suggest adjustments for FY 2004– All

- d. Distribute logistics information prior to the next meeting – Tony

Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. List of Attendees